



February 3, 2004

ALL UNDERGROUND COAL MINE OPERATORS:

In accordance with 30 CFR 70.201(c), please submit to this office by February 29, 2004, the dates and shifts you plan to sample the mechanized mining units (MMUs) for the bi-monthly cycles beginning January 1, 2004, and continuing through December 31, 2004. Please include the Mine Name, Mine I.D., and the MMU number. Any changes in your sampling schedule must be submitted to this office 14 days in advance of the pre-scheduled sampling dates. Failure to do so may constitute a violation of 30 CFR 70.201(c). Should unexpected circumstances require you to make changes within 14 days of scheduled sampling, please notify us immediately at the above address. This notice refers to all underground mines with MMUs.

Sincerely,

//Kevin G. Stricklin  
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District Manager